

## Grammar L4GLO1

### Past Perfect Simple and Past Perfect Continuous

Learning Outcome 1: Past perfect: simple & continuous

**NOTICING A** Read the sentences. Answer the questions below.

1. Two men had been swimming in the sea and were having difficulties.
2. While he was at university, Faisal had learned some relaxation techniques.
3. The teacher had just completed her training, so she was new to teaching.
4. The police were able to prove that the car had been at the crime scene.
5. For over ten years before it closed, the restaurant had been serving customers in Muscat.
6. Had you been waiting long before the taxi arrived?

Write the correct numbers. Which sentences ...

- a. are about single events in the past? \_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_
- b. are about ongoing events in the past? \_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_

#### Past Perfect Simple and Past Perfect Continuous

You use the past perfect simple to describe an event that happened before another event or time in the past.

*He had attempted to reach the peak of the mountain before, but he had not reached its peak.*

You use the past perfect continuous to give background information about an ongoing event that happened before another event or time in the past.

*The travellers had been hoping to visit the mosque before sunset and they managed to do that.*

1. Zainab and Fatima \_\_\_\_\_ (be) friends for years before they started university.
2. The children were covered in sand because they \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football during a sandstorm.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for my keys for fifteen minutes and then I found them on my desk.
4. The passengers were very unhappy because the airline \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) their suitcases.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) Mohammad for years, but I recognized him immediately.
6. My father was exhausted because he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for ten hours without a break.

1. The friends knew they were in trouble.
2. He hadn't seen the open window on the side of the house.
3. There was no way she had done well on that test.

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